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amendment 1272, and this is known as kind of the Tim Kolb amendment. I believe two years ago we passed a bill that would help those with disabilities to be able to live in their own homes, and so this would remove the sunset clause and allow that to continue. It is part of LB 259, and 259 is on General File, so it's one of three parts of LB 259. And I would ask for your consideration on this amendment. It would allow those with disabilities to continue to live in their home with assisted living, and we have found in the past that this is probably a more economical way to address those people with disabilities than it is to have them be living in a situation where they need full-time care in a different situation. So I hope you would consider...would appreciate your consideration on this amendment. If you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I just wanted to tell you that I support this amendment. We do know that it is a cost-saving measure for the state of Nebraska. It does provide independent living for these people and they're able to use some of their family members to help with some of the chores...their personal chores that were otherwise needed by professional people. And it does let them live, then, in their own homes, and it does save us money. And I sure appreciate the amendment and I wish you would support it, too.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none. Senator Schrock, to close. Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of the Schrock amendment to LB 66. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Schrock's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Schrock amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Senator.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bruning.